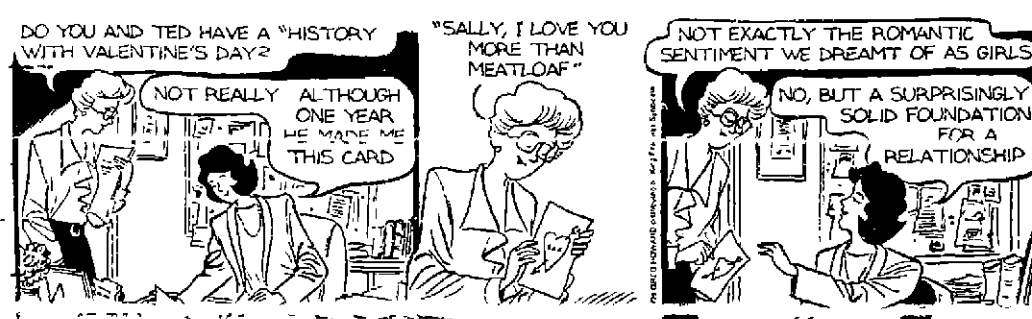


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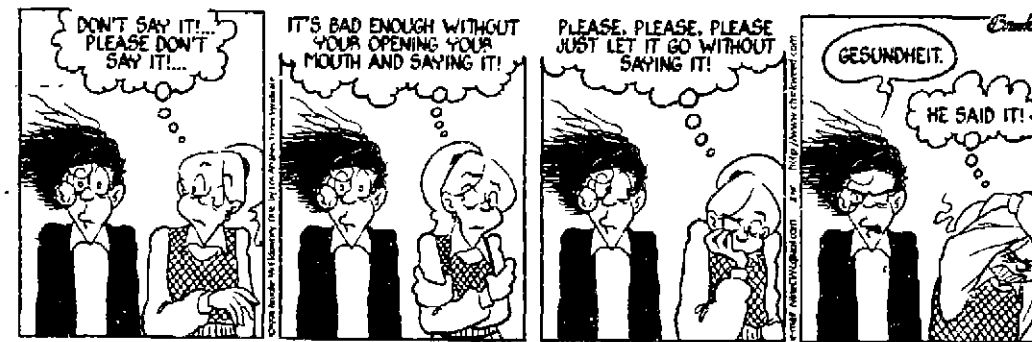
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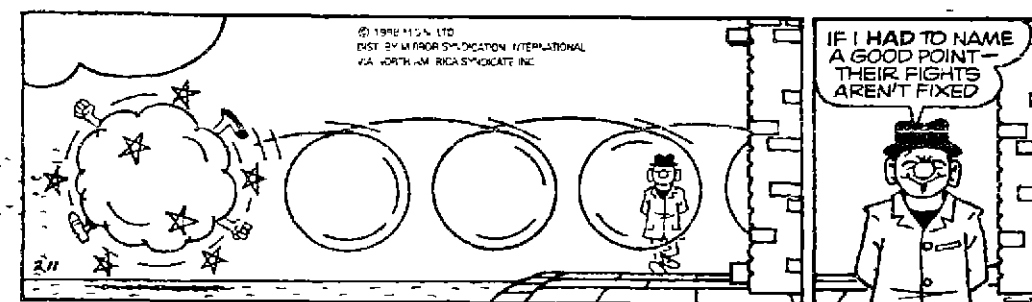
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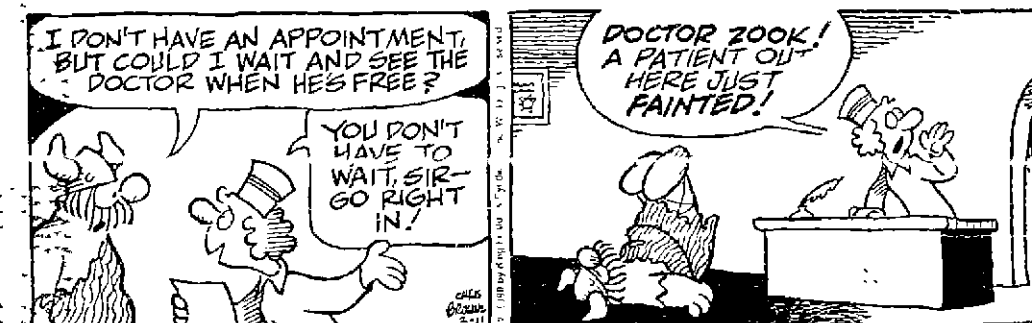
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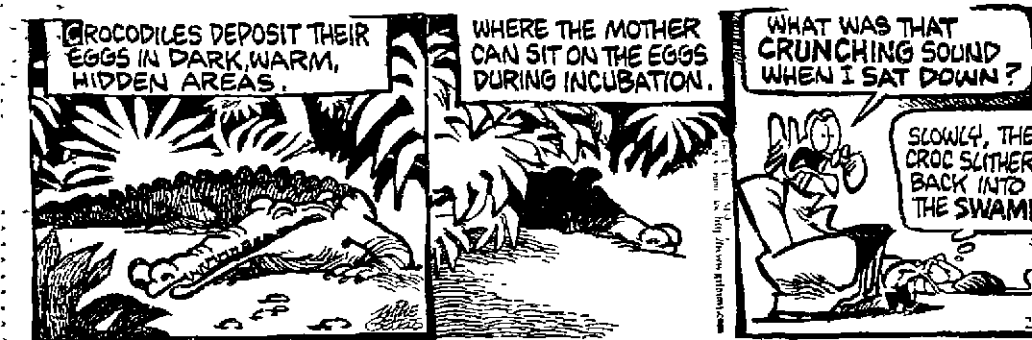
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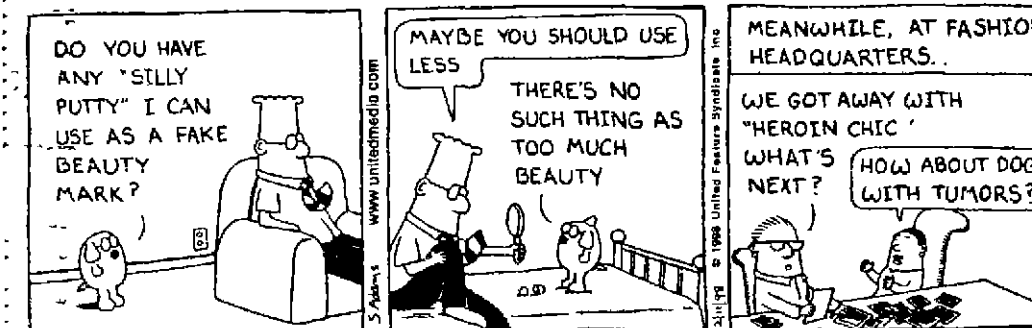
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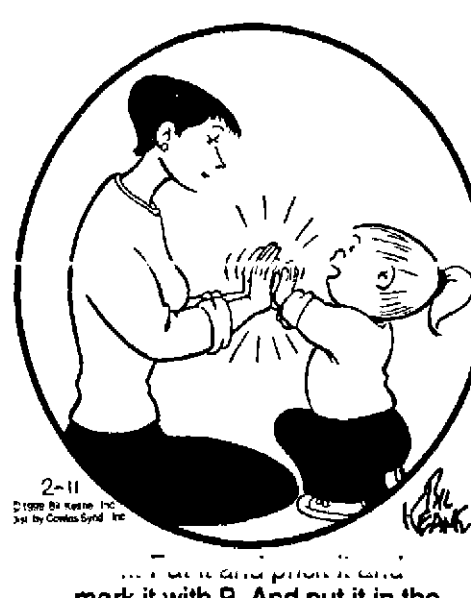
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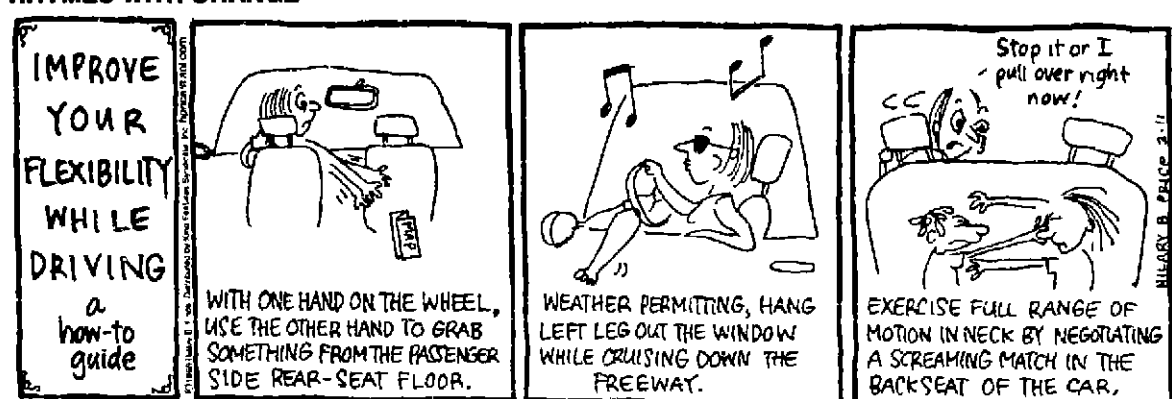
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



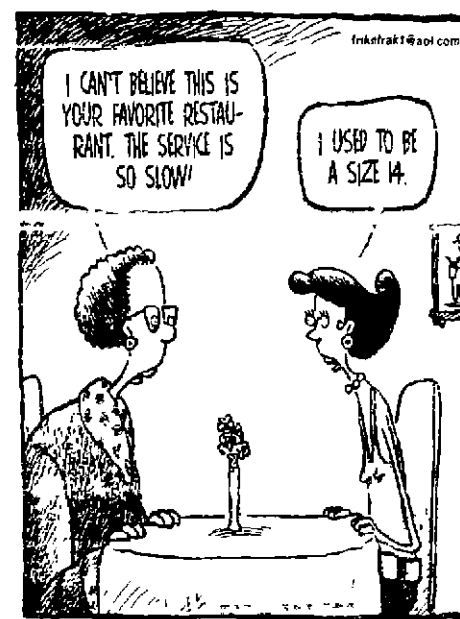
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Author Sidney Sheldon is 81. Actress Kim Stanley is 73. Actor Leslie Nielsen is 72. Actress Tina Louise is 62. Bandleader Sergio Mendes is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Otis Clay is 56. Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt is 47. Actor Philip Anglim is 45. Actress Carey Lowell is 37. Actress Jennifer Aniston is 29. Singer D'Angelo is 24. Singer-actress Brandy ("Moesha") is 19.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 115-125
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW (Official Scrabble Words (Chambers)). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 2-11-98

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WORD SLEUTH

Things that go up

F V S P N K I F C A X M V S Q
S S O S S R I A T S A S L J
H T E M P E R A T U R E E C A
X O E O R V N O T Y P R S R P
N C L K I J H A T O I C N F D
B K Y E C S X I L A V T O R P
O S M K E O D S M P V I O G E
D B Z X S I R R G X R E L W U
T R A Q M O A N I A L I L J I
G T F U D W C A Y B L X A E W
V T H S R P O N L K J F B I G

Tuesday's unlisted clue: BOX

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: The Government's Income

Airplanes	Elevators	Rockets	Stocks
Balloons	Flags	Slopes	Temperature
Birds	Humidity	Smoke	Warm air
Cream	Prices	Stairs	

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HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Feb. 12, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You just can't seem to concentrate on work. Your mind is on the upcoming weekend and planned festivities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some could be asked to take an unexpected short business trip. This is ultimately successful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A conversation with a friend brings some surprises. You never realized how this person really felt about you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Financial matters need tending to. Once you straighten out those books, you could end up with a surplus.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are wise to walk away from that annoying person in the long run, getting you to lose your temper is the goal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're at the center of a maelstrom of your own doing. You need to step back a bit and gain some perspective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your peacekeeping abilities are stretched to the limit. A family matter isn't as easily solved as you'd thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You get more done in cooperation with others than on your own. In keeping with that, seek out the most talented people you know for the job.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A new exercise regimen has you brimming with energy. Some need to combine this with a weight-loss program.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You feel as though you're running in circles early in the day, never really landing anywhere. Later you get a handle on things and are able to be quite productive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Pretty words don't fool you. You realize the person doing the flattering has ulterior motives.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A loved one helps you through an awkward time. Later you express your gratitude with a touching gesture.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I've got a hand to test you two future Life Masters," challenged the club guru. With the opponents quiet, how would you play to make the heart game?"

The first contestant wanted to know whether trumps were 3-2. "If they are not," he said, "I see two trump losers along with two clubs." "You have a small chance," replied the guru. "The K-Q of clubs might be doubleton, or West might have a singleton honor (and you guess right). Anyway, trumps are 3-2." The first student tried to develop a second club winner. He conceded a club, ruffed a diamond and cashed two high trumps. Then he played the ace and another club. The clubs were 4-2, so this solution didn't work. The other student opted to ruff a club in dummy. He planned to play a low club from both hands, ruff the diamond return, then play ace and another club. That didn't work. When West wins the third club, he leads a fourth round, and East ruffs with his jack to uppercourt South, producing two heart winners for the defense. Cashing two high trumps first won't work either; West wins the third club and cashes his high trump to eliminate the club ruff in dummy. The guru's solution? Try a dummy reversal. He advised: Win dummy's diamond ace and ruff a diamond. Cash the ace and king of trumps and ruff another diamond. Lead a club to dummy's ace and ruff dummy's last diamond. Now run the spades. West gets his high trump at will, but all you lose is a trump and two clubs.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1231

ACROSS

1 Use a postscript
4 Turkish Empire founder
9 Sail extender
14 Place to do some gambling
15 Island
16 See 31-Down
17 Campus climber
18 Workaholic's memoir?
20 Greet the villain
21 Land of 47-Down
22 Sites for rites
23 Exaggerate
24 Soft cheese
26 Gaunt
27 Hardly boisterous

DOWN

1 Way out
2 English cattle breed
3 Escaped con's memoir?
4 City liberated by Joan of Arc
5 Unlikely nickname in the N.B.A.
6 Three-reeler, e.g.
7 Mideast's Gulf of
8 Classical start
9 Military movements
10 Chatter
11 First name in country music
12 "___ out?"
13 Crewmen
14 Dell dweller
15 Yankee junkball
16 Crunchy salad toppers
17 Watches

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DABS BOSSA OBIS
ORES ATTAR NADA
OYRE JOEYBISHOP
OVE CASANOVA
ALAMO MORALIST
DELIMIT NEHIS
REMOSE ODE
ALEXANDERPOPE
SRA SEALAPSES
ENLAI ATLASES
COOLCATS ENTRES
ANNEXEXTON SCAB
LENEE NEEDI HERE
LABS ADDED HYDE

20 Clinton chef's memoir?
29 Passion personified
30 Unit of force
31 With 16-Across, where the Pistons used to play
32 Skunk's defense
33 Not o'er
34 Inscribed pillar
35 1984 Super Bowl champs
43 Did companion shopping
44 Skillful
45 Pickle juice
46 Longtime SAC chief
47 "The Winding Stair" poet
48 Exuberance
49 Actor Neeson
50 70's do
51 Church part
54 Woeful

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